

## MEDIA ADVISORY San Diego Políce Department

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## National Telecommunicators Week

WHAT National Telecommunicators Week (April 9 – 13) honoring the hard work

and dedication of SDPD dispatchers of the Communications Division

WHEN (see below)

WHERE 1401 Broadway Street (SDPD headquarters)

In 2006, the SDPD Communications Division received more than 1 million, 300 thousand calls from the public.

SDPD dispatchers have one of the most stressful and challenging jobs of our department. Our dispatchers are civilians who put their hearts and souls into their work. They work ten hour shifts, four days per week, and often work overtime as well.

Phone and radio dispatchers are the calm, knowledgeable voices heard when calling SDPD for assistance, or if you are an officer working in the field.

This week, we will acknowledge and celebrate the commitment of our dispatchers with various activities. The media are invited to the following event:

Wednesday, April 11 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. Communications (4<sup>th</sup> floor)

Local professional athletes visit Communications to show their appreciation and support.